

What is special with Africa ? & EU's Africa strategy

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Some special features of Africa



- Emerging and diverse continent, including a diversity of development stages
- Home to the youngest population in the world
- A continent of the world's most fragile states, but also with emerging markets and more effective governments
- Steady economic growth, which has not always been inclusive (potential for broader social and human development)
- Affected by the consequences of climate change, environmental degradation and pollution, as the rest of the world
- Neighbour and partner (twin-continent) for EU, with a shared future

The special features of Africa are reflected in the new **partnership models (EU-Africa relations)** for five key areas:

- 1) Green transitions and energy
- 2) Digital transformation
- 3) Sustainable growth and jobs
- 4) Peace and governance
- 5) Migration and mobility

➡ Building a more prosperous, more peaceful and more sustainable future for all

Background for the EU's current comprehensive strategy with Africa

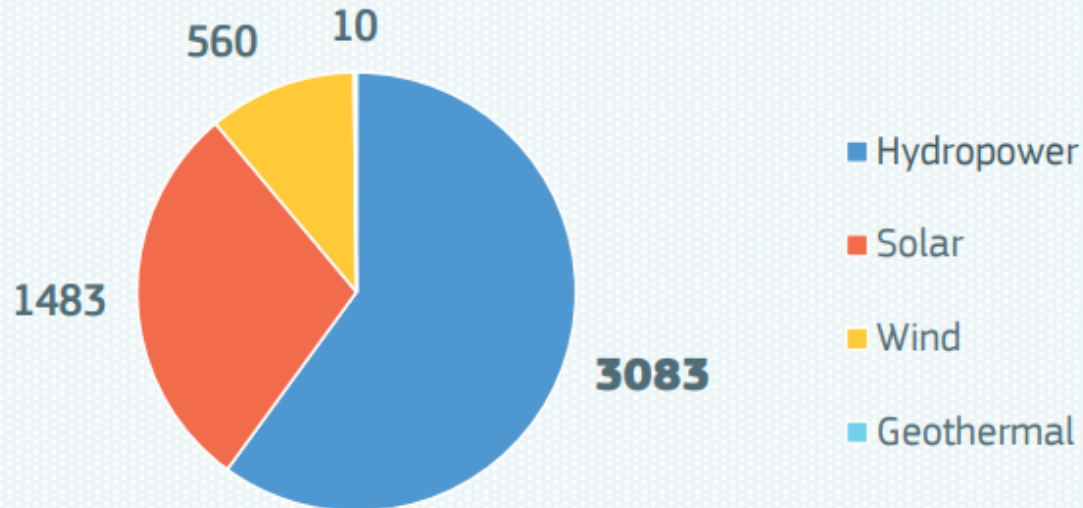
The Africa-EU Partnership (since 2000): formal political channel for the EU and the African continent to work together, engage in policy dialogues and define their cooperative relationship

- Strengthening economic cooperation and promoting sustainable development
- Peace, security, democracy, prosperity, solidarity and human dignity
- Common interests: climate change, global security and the sustainable development goals (SDGs), etc.
- Focuses on cooperation at a continental level and specifically the relationship between the **European and African Unions.**

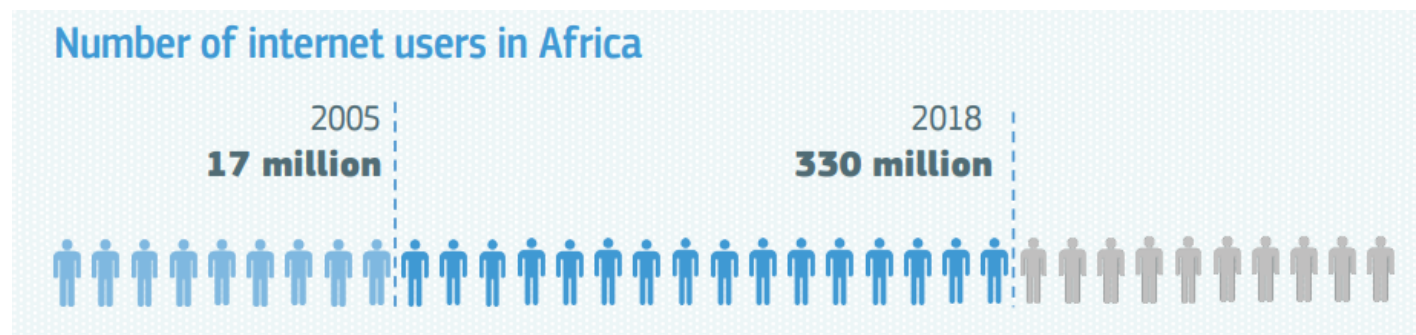
1. Green transitions and energy

- Maximise the benefits of the green transition and minimise threats to the environment in full compliance with the Paris Agreement.
- **Innovation is key** -> Investments should be directed towards strengthening scientific capacities in Africa
- Circular economy, fair value chains, smart urbanisation, sustainable agri-food systems, biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable energy investments

EU supported renewable energy projects in Africa – By technology and generation capacity (Mw)



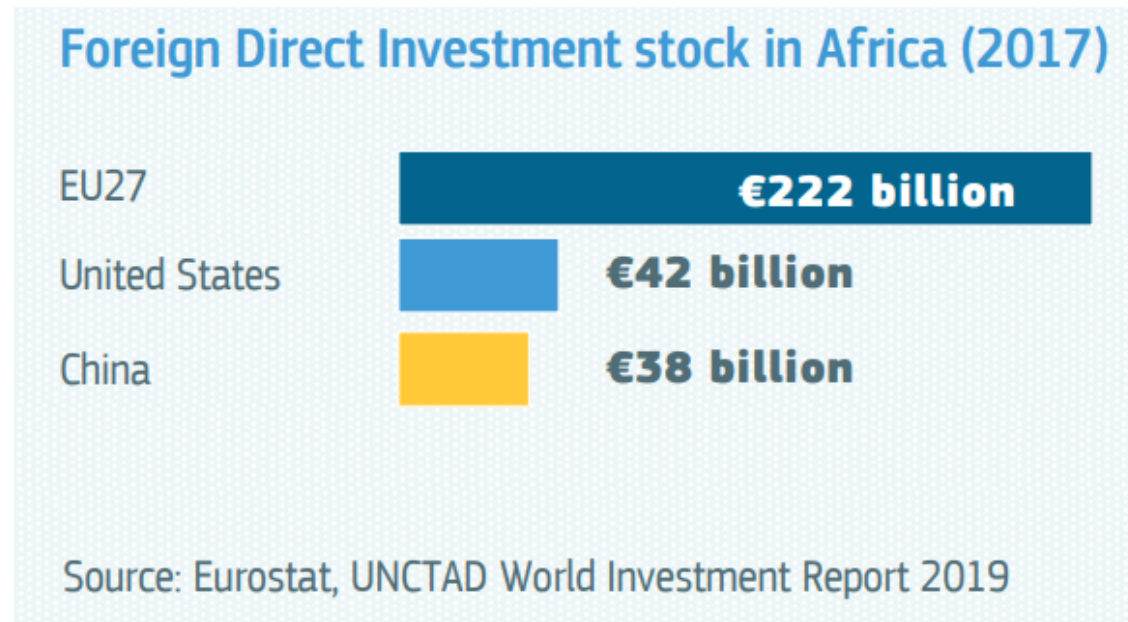
2. Digital transformation



- **Boost the continent's digital transformation**
 - Invest in infrastructure and reliable sources of energy
 - Establish competitive regional markets
 - Implement policies to ensure full digital inclusion (women and marginalized communities)
 - Take measures to ensure security
 - Improve digital skills (use of open data, new technologies such as AI, blockchain and big data, use of space data and technology)
 - > smart and safe transport, green cities, sustainable management of natural resources and efficient agriculture
- **Expectations**
 - Improving access to public services (education, energy, healthcare etc.)
 - Modernize agriculture
 - To create jobs for 15-20million young people

3. Sustainable growth and jobs (I)

- ✓ Boost trade and **environmentally, socially and financially sustainable investments** that are resilient to the impacts of climate change
- ✓ **Attract investors** by supporting African states in adopting policies and regulatory reforms that **improve the business environment and investment climate**



... Sustainable growth and jobs (II)

- ✓ Rapidly enhance **learning, knowledge and skills, research and innovation capacities**, particularly for women and youth, and protect and improve social rights
- ✓ Advance regional and continental **economic integration**, particularly through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

4. Peace and governance (I)

- ✓ Adapt and deepen EU support to African peace efforts through **a more structured and strategic form of cooperation**, with a particular focus on regions where tensions and vulnerabilities are the highest.



- There are currently 10 EU Common Security and Defence Policy missions in Africa
- The EU has contributed €253.6 million to the G5 Sahel Joint Force to combat terrorism and security threats and improve regional security
- The EU has provided €3.5 billion through the African Peace Facility since it was established in 2004, including €2.4 billion since 2014.

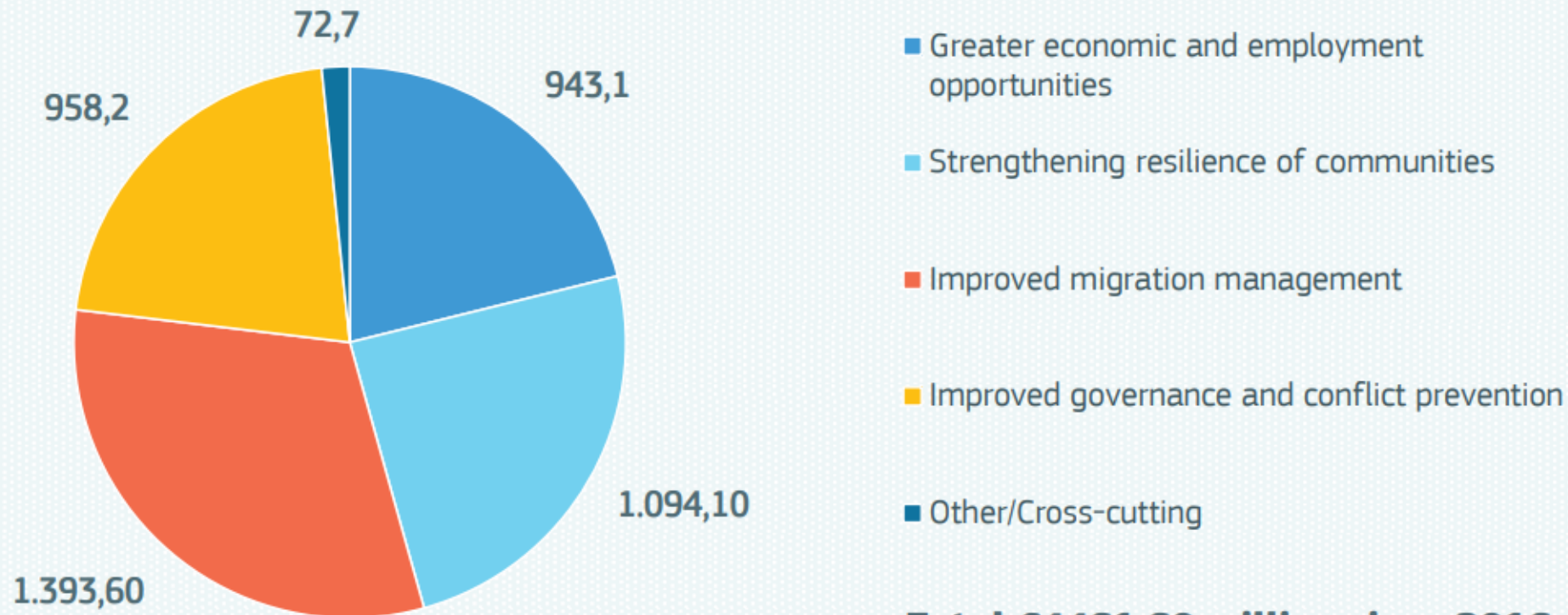
... Peace and governance (II)

- ✓ Integrate **good governance, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and gender equality** in action and cooperation.
- ✓ **Secure resilience** by linking **humanitarian, development, peace and security interventions** at all stages of the cycle of conflicts and crises.

5. Migration and mobility

Ensure a balanced, coherent and comprehensive approach to migration and mobility.

The EU Trust Fund for Africa in figures (€ million)



Total €4461.60 million since 2016

Working together to implement the partnership

Strengthen the international rules-based order and the multilateral system, with the **United Nations** at its core.





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